

Hingham, March 11, 1842.

My dear Miss Weston, I have, this blessed day, ascertained the names of four beetles. I have, this windy night, read the Liberator & A. S. Standard; and have also had a peep at the Hingham Patriot for tomorrow morning. This last paper contains a choice morsel, I can assure you, of pro-<sup>4444</sup>slavery. Its tone of feeling is peculiarly sweet, and worthy of its author; and the knowledge which it displays of A. Slavery principles & A. S. movements, entitles its author to the hon-our of D. D.; which you must not interpret in this case "dumb dogs," for the "dog" here does certainly speak. I will tell you more about it, when I see you. We have had too an Anti-slavery meeting at Willard Hall, and are to have another one next Wednesday evening at Derby Hall. I have never been more pleased with the movements of this place than at present. The people, I hope, are beginning to open their eyes. On the subject of Temperance they have done wonders, and they give intimation of a strong movement in favour of true liberty. But I will not hope



too much. I will wait.

I thank you a thousand times for your very interesting present. The book, (i.e. H.'s) I have read with great interest; the "fact" I have put into my cabinet, and it will remain there a memento not only of the donor, but of the place whence it was taken, and of the persons who brought it across the great waters. So volatile, may they again return safe, & with health restored! I am not so destitute of "sentiment," perhaps, as your intimate. Only a few days ago I drank from the "Captain's Well," and brought home some pieces of brick from the remains of the "Captain's House," in Duxbury; and think you a fetiche would be unacceptable from the Paradise of the West? But I will not beg too hard. What you give you must give freely, and it will be received gratefully.

I am very happy to learn that we may expect to see you soon. We will fast with you, and we rejoice to anticipate such a fare, as your presence will make for us. Come by all means. I must leave the rest of the paper for Mrs. S. My regards to your brother & sisters.

Yours truly,

Increase S. Smith.

Miss Caroline Weston.



Dear Caroline, your letter & package of books &c. gave us great pleasure. I was longing to hear from you. I have read Hildreth, a powerful writer, and have begun African Sketches. I was very sorry that you were obliged to part with your sister & brother again this winter. I had learned the fact from Mr. Remond, whom I had the good fortune to meet in the coach on my return from Duxbury. I found him exceedingly intelligent and agreeable, and he quite did away the impression that I had of him at the Fair, that he was not good looking. You did not tell me that Deborah was enraptured with Mr. Parker, so I do not believe that his lectures had so much effect upon her as they did upon me, or you would have spoken of it. I was entirely delighted. It was the richest treat that I ever enjoyed. The Bredfords, and the Westons, and a few others in Duxbury were half crazy about him. We saw a good deal of him at Captain Bradford's and it was Mr. Parker, Mr. Parker, with us all. Mrs. B. was quite as enthusiastic as any of us. I think he will do more for the Abolition Cause than direct agents <sup>or as much</sup> ~~for the Cause~~. His lectures are so calculated to rouse one to exertion, and make him feel dissatisfied with a low selfish life; to feel interested in all reforms, and to carry out the great law of love into every act. I want him here, and we need him here, but I am afraid it will break up the Parish, as they are always saying here, & so we do nothing about it. I care nothing for the Parish, but I should be sorry to lose our good minister. Mr. Smith has told you what a hopeful way we are in now. We anticipate a great change in Anti Slavery feeling before many months. I pray we may not be disappointed. We need no lecturers here at present. I believe the people are going to take up the subject to look at it for themselves. I am thankful you are coming down to spend Fast with us. I shall enjoy a great deal in thinking of it so long. You must come the night previous certainly.



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Do if you can. Give my  
to Aunt Mary Ann

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when you come down at 20  
love to all your sisters &  
particular, yours  
E. C. L. Smith.

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